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Applicant: Chhedi L. Verma et al.
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COMPARISON TO PROSPECTIVE BUYERS
Examiner: Susanna M. Diaz

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RESPONSE TO THE ADVISORY ACTION

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This is in response to an Advisory Action of March 21, 2003 setting a shortened statutory period for response of three months from the mailing date of the Final Rejection.

Applicants petition that, if required, the time for response be extended and the corresponding fee be charged. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Acct. No. 11-0224.

The Advisory Action of March 21, 2003 states, in the second paragraph, that "the proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search, namely, they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims".

Applicants respectfully submit that a Request for Continued Examination was filed in the present case on April 30, 2003. A copy of a Transmittal Letter, dated April 30, 2003, and a copy of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal, executed on April 30, 2003, is enclosed.

Since the Advisory Action has not considered the Amendment under Rule 116, dated March 15, 2003, and filed on the same day with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, the applicants request that the Amendment under Rule 116, dated March 15, 2003, be considered by the Examiner Diaz in the present case after filing of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE), in order to prevent an issuance of an Final Office Action. For the Examiner's convenience, the applicants enclose a copy of the Amendment under Rule 116 as filed on March 15, 2003.

Reconsideration of all outstanding rejections is respectfully requested.

Entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested. All claims as presently submitted are deemed to be in form for allowance and an early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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